

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 (Currently Amended): A control apparatus for managing one or more contents data in accordance with using condition information corresponding to the content data, said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving ~~a first~~ said using condition information, said using condition information being described in a first format;

means for converting said first format of said ~~first~~ using condition information into a second format, ~~using condition information described in a said~~ second format ~~which is being~~ different from the first format; and

means for transmitting the ~~second~~ using condition information described in the second format.

2 (Currently Amended): A control method for managing one or more contents data in accordance with using condition information corresponding to the content data, said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data, said method comprising steps of:

receiving ~~a first~~ said using condition information, said using condition information being described in a first format;

converting said first format of said using condition information ~~described in the first format~~ into a second format, ~~using condition information described in a said~~ second format ~~that is being~~ different from the first format, and

transmitting the ~~second~~ using condition information described in the second format.

3 (Currently Amended): A recording medium having stored therein a control program for control data for managing one or more contents data in accordance with using condition information corresponding to the content data, said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data, said control program comprising:

means for receiving ~~a first~~ said using condition information, said using condition information being described in a first format;

means for converting said first format of said using condition information into a second format, ~~using condition information described in a said~~ second format ~~which is being~~ different from the first format; and

means for transmitting the ~~second~~ using condition information described in the second format.

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19 (Currently Amended): A data processing apparatus for managing content data in accordance with a using condition information corresponding to the content data, said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data, said data processing apparatus comprising:

means for receiving ~~a first~~ said using condition information, said using condition information being described in a first format; and

means for converting said first format of said using condition information into a second format, ~~using condition information described in a said~~ second format ~~which is being~~ different from the first format,

wherein the ~~first~~ using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the ~~second~~ using condition

information described in the second format is substantially equal in meaning to the ~~first~~ using condition information described in the first format.

20 (Currently Amended): A method for managing content data in accordance with a using condition information corresponding to the content data, said using condition information being indicative of usage rules of the content data, said method comprising steps of:

receiving a ~~first~~ said using condition information, said using condition information being described in a first format; and

converting said first format of using condition information into a second format, ~~using~~ ~~condition information described in a~~ said second format ~~which is~~ being different from the first format, wherein

the ~~first~~ using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the ~~second~~ using condition information described in the second format is substantially equal in meaning to the ~~first~~ using condition information described in the first format.

21 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium that is encoded with computer readable instructions configured to implement a process when executed by a processor, said process comprising steps of :

receiving a ~~first~~ the using condition information, said using condition information being described in a first format; and

converting said first format of using condition information into a second format, ~~using~~ ~~condition information described in a~~ said second format ~~which is~~ being different from the first format, wherein

the ~~first~~ using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the ~~second~~ using condition information described in the second format is substantially equal in meaning to the ~~first~~ using condition information described in the first format.

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